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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Provided the Magistrate passed an order placing them under the special division."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Law Member what weight he has given to the opinion of this House in regard to diet of these prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Considerable weight."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know the decision he has come to?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I have no time to go into the matter and come to a decision."

Education

Prevention of wastage in elementary schools.

* 1830 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the problem of preventing the wastage in elementary schools is now under consideration;

(b) if so, what steps are being proposed to be taken for making elementary education more effective in spreading literacy; and

(c) whether the concentration scheme proposed by the Director can be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"May I know whether the concentration scheme proposed by the Director of Public Instruction can be placed on the table of this House?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The matter is still under consideration. No scheme has been placed before the Government as yet except that we have had some discussion."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister the lines on which the Concentration Scheme is proposed to be brought into effect and what the suggestions are?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The suggestions are to have one central higher elementary school for certain number of villages and the rest of the villages are to have Elementary schools."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know the radius?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The radius is still under consideration."

Excise

Alleged protest of the Prohibition League, Malabar, against the location of an arrack shop.

* 1831 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to place on the table of the House the representation of the Prohibition League, Malabar, to the Excise Licensing Board,

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Calicut, protesting against the location of an arrack shop, the report called for on the same and the orders of Government thereon as promised in reply to question No. 1105-B ?

A.—The Government have not yet received the report called for on the subject.

Location of a liquor shop in Buckinghampet.

*1832 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a liquor shop in Buckinghampet, Bezwada, is located in the midst of houses resided by vakils and other respectable people ;

(*b*) whether the Bezwada public and municipal council have protested and sent protests to the Collector, Excise officer and Government ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the protests have not been heeded and that the shop is continued in the same locality ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested. No representations have been received on the subject. A report has been called for.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the policy of the Government is to remove these liquor shops from the residential quarters of respectable people ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" As regards the location of these arrack and toddy shops there are rules already."

Location of a toddy shop in Arundalpeta.

*1833 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a toddy shop is located at the entrance of Karnukapuram (labour quarters) in Arundalpeta, Bezwada, where the Bezwada Municipal Council has given sites to poor labourers to live ;

(*b*) whether the municipality has protested several times against the continuance of the shop there ; and

(*c*) whether the protests have not been cared for ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have called for a report on the subject

Public Health

Levy of centage charges for sanitary works by the Public Works Department.

*1834 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether 15½ per cent centage charges are levied by the Public Works Department for all sanitary works executed by them ;

(*b*) whether the same rate of charges is levied also on the cost of cast iron pipes got for water-supply schemes ;

(*c*) whether the cost of these pipes forms about two-thirds the cost of water-supply schemes ; and

(*d*) whether the local bodies have complained to the Government that centage charges are unnecessarily levied on such articles ?